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REF: STATE A-2761 DATED APRIL 4, 1974

1. AS REQUESTED IN REF. AIRGRAM WE ARE TRANSMITTING AVAILABLE DATA FOR THE MINERALS QUESTIONNAIRE. POST WILL SUBMIT TELEGRAPHICALLY MISSING FIGURES ON MINERAL PRODUCTION FOR 1972, AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. GOA MINING BUREAU WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE AVAILABLE 1973 DATA UNTIL NEXT JUNE. AVAILABLE DATA FOR 1972 AND 1973 IS REPORTED BELOW BY PAGE NUMBER.

2. PAGE 2: METRIC TONS

1972 1973

IRON ORE 230,547 218,165

PIG IRON 849,442 803,600

METRIC TONS ARG.PESOS(000'S)

1972 1973 1972 1973

FERROMANGANESE 16,353 NA 35,434 NA

FERROSILICON 15,548 NA 41,014 NA

OTHER FERROALLOYS 3,346 NA 9,925 NA

INGOTS 1,851,522 1,884,000 NA NA

CASTINGS 48,800 56,100 NA NA

BLOOMS 89,666 112,474 NA NA

BILLETS 1/ 1,682,721 1,554,582 NA NA

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SLABS 379,134 340,461 NA NA

3. PAGE 3:

ANGLES AND SECTIONS	143,542	NA
REINFORCING BARS	568,551	NA
WIRE RODS	363,250	402,400
ROUNDS, SQUARES	21,652	NA
HEXAGONALS	8,943	NA
FLATS	112,446	NA
SHEETS(HOT ROLLED)	502,458	484,114
HOT STRIPS	82,647	48,600
SEAMLESSPIPES	157,520	148,300
OTHER IRON &		
STEEL 2/	821,105	NA
LEAD METAL:		
PRIMARY	33,000	NA
SECONDARY	12,000	NA

4. PAGE 4:

ZINC SMELTER PRODUCTION:		
PRIMARY	39,200	39,200
SECONDARY	1,700	1,700

5. PAGE 5:

ARG.PESOS(000'S)

PORTLAND CEMENT	5,444,958	5,181,430	910,205	1,261,320
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6. PAGE 9:

BITUMINOUS COAL	450,600	675,400
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7. PAGE 10: CUBIC METERS (000'S)

NATURAL GAS GROSS		
PRODUCTION	5,071,300	5,441,800
PETROLEUM CRUDE	25,193	24,410

8. PAGE 11: CUBIC METERS (000'S)

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PETROLEUM REFINERY		
INPUT: CRUDE OIL	26,898	27,369
PETROLEUM REFINERY OUTPUT:		
AVIATION GASOLINE	48	36
MOTOR GASOLINE	6,006	6,317
KEROSINE	931	905
DISTILLATE FUEL OIL (GAS		

OIL AND DIESEL FUEL)	6,388	7,838 (DENSITY.935)
LUBRICANTS	286	274
ASPHALT	608	511
LPG(FROM PETROLEUM)	1,630	1,607
BUNKER FUEL	454	403
COKE & RESIDUAL CARBON	406	370

9. RATE OF EXCHANGE: ONE DOLLAR EQUALS 9.88 ARG. PESOS FOR BOTH YEARS.

10. FOOTNOTES: 1/ BILLETS INCLUDES 249,678 AND 263,800 T'S RESPECTIVELY FOR 1972 AND 1973 PRODUCED BY CONTINUOUS-CASTING PROCESS. 2/ OTHER IRON AND STEEL FOR 1972 INCLUDES 654,221 MT'S OF COLD ROLLED SHEETS.
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